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**TIFCO INDUSTRIES, INC. TO PAY UNITED STATES \$1.6 MILLION
TO RESOLVE ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING SALE OF PROHIBITED GOODS TO
THE U.S. ARMY FOR DELIVERY AT FORT GORDON, GEORGIA**

AUGUSTA, GA: Edmund A. Booth, Jr., United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that Tifco Industries, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, has agreed to pay the United States over \$1.6 million to settle allegations that it violated the Trade Agreements Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2501 et seq., and the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq. Pursuant to a contract with the General Services Administration, Tifco Industries, Inc. sold goods to the United States Army for delivery at Fort Gordon, Georgia. However, many of the goods were from non-designated countries of origin under the Trade Agreements Act. This Act bars the procurement of goods from non-designated countries by the United States and its agencies.

“This settlement demonstrates the commitment of our office to vigorous enforcement of both the Trade Agreements Act and the False Claims Act,” Booth stated.

Booth praised the work of lead agents Special Agent James R. Taylor of the General Services Administration Office of Inspector General and Special Agent Kristie Cathers of the Army Criminal Investigation Command and the work of Assistant United States Attorneys Kenneth D. Crowder and Danial E. Bennett, who represented the government in this matter.

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